

Insanity and Crime.

It has been questioned whether insanity is not always the concomitant of crime. We are inclined to think that it is. It is true that great self-possession and coolness are sometimes manifested by persons who have made up their minds to "shuffle off this mortal coil," but who does not know that the minds of monomaniacs are in some cases as calm, as unimpaired, as phlegmatic as the most unclouded, undiseased intellects? The recent report of the State Lunatic Asylum at Utica embodies some information in relation to the suicidal propensity, which confirms the opinion that suicide is always the result of mental disease.

The desire for self-destruction, it seems, prevails to a greater extent than would be supposed. For instance, of eight hundred and sixteen patients in the New York Asylum during the past year, sixty-six were subjects of this form of lunacy. It would appear, in addition, that the propensity rages more among females than males. Of the above sixty-six, forty-four were women. A further fact is made manifest by the report. It is, that the propensity frequently assumes an epidemic character. In the month of July, there were admitted into the institution no less than nineteen persons laboring under this description of insanity; and, during the same month, fourteen suicidal attempts were made by patients already in the Asylum. It would seem that the knowledge of others having destroyed themselves exercises a considerable influence in developing this propensity. A patient having made a successful attempt at suicide, and two others happening to learn it, were overheard, soon after, devising a similar mode of death.—*N. Y. Star.*

There are equally good grounds for believing that murder is always the result of insanity. If we err not in our estimate, the juries of this country have decided a larger percentage of the homicides than the above to have been preceded by diseased minds; and that the rest had their origin in the same cause is altogether probable. In fact, in our opinion, all crime proceeds from this cause: the judgment must first lose its balance, and the passions must yield obedience to a delusive infatuation. The man who forsakes the even tenor of a useful life for the deceptive pursuits of a gambler's calling; the man who wrongs a virtuous wife, and turns his affections towards one who is false and dishonest; the man who, by slow degrees, creates an appetite for the draught that must destroy him; the man who cherishes enmity and revenge until his whole nature is absorbed in it, and he becomes the witless victim of its frenzy;—all these are insane, and impelled to the commission of deeds from which a healthy mind would recoil. But are they, therefore, to be exempted from punishment for the violation of the laws of their country? By no means. Their insanity is crime—the insanity of all persons, excepting the few whose moral conformation, like the physical organization of others, has been congenital, or the result of unfortunate accident. Insanity must precede the commission of serious crime—such crime as is calculated to destroy or impair our happiness. But the slow, deliberate, and wicked process of the mind that has first undermined the intellect, deranged the moral sentiments, and inflamed the passions, merits severe and salutary punishment, firstly, for the protection of the community; and secondly, for its sanative effects upon the unhappy wrongdoer; and these are the only purposes to be accomplished.

The insane asylum and the penitentiary, therefore, are not so far apart; and the criminal judge, the medical practitioner, and the Christian counselor and teacher, should have joint jurisdiction over both these institutions. In their administration the iron-barred cell, a low regimen, stern restraints, application to labor, humility and obedience, are all necessary, but not more so than the words of kind encouragement from one who seeks only that salutary change within, the production of which should never for a moment be lost to view.

The lash, the whipping post, the pillory, the rack, the torture, the gallows, and the public spectacle, can have no argument but that of vengeance to support them; and wherever the desire of vengeance exists in the human breast, there is one who merits and needs the restraining influence of the penitentiary—the house of penitence and reformation.

Crime is the result of insanity, but insanity is, in general, both disease and crime!

THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.—We are very sorry to say that this "good old Commonwealth" has been completely knocked into fits! The *North American*, of yesterday, said: "Should Col. Bigler be elected—and no effort, however corrupt or desperate, will be neglected to secure his success—we candidly believe that the credit of this State will be again prostrated; that our commercial community and business men of all pursuits will be subjected to great distress; and that we shall return to those times of bankruptcy and repudiation which were brought about by the prodigality and corruptions of Locofocoism during their long career of perverted power heretofore."

Colonel Bigler is elected; and if the gloomy predictions of our friends of the *North American* shall prove true, we will hold Colonel Forney personally responsible; for he has been sinning with his eyes open—he has had the advantage of the *North American's* counsels all the way through!

DIVIDEND OF THE WASHINGTON BRANCH RAILROAD.—The *Baltimore Patriot* states that the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company has declared a semi-annual dividend of four per cent. on the Washington branch of their road, payable on and after the 16th instant.

We think that this might be increased by the reduction of their fare to a reasonable rate— which reduction, for the good of all parties, the people of the two cities should demand. Three cents a mile, making the passage \$1.20, is abundant; and \$2.00 to come and go within forty-eight hours. The hotels, boarding houses and all other places of business in the two cities would profit by this reduction, and the convenience of the public would be greatly promoted.

It is stated that Charles W. Fenton, late United States consul to Cowes, has been appointed a clerk in the Third Auditor's office. Mr. Fenton will perform his duty well in any station, and we are pleased to learn that he has at last been remembered.

California Land Commission.

GEORGE W. COOLEY, esq., a member of the Boston bar, has been appointed by the President of the United States, Attorney to the Board of California Land Commissioners.

LIBERIA.—The Rev. R. R. Gurley, who last year visited Liberia, in describing this beautiful country in the *Christian Statesman*, says: "As far as Europeans or Americans have penetrated, which is only to the extent of some two or three hundred miles we believe, they give the most glowing pictures of its beauty and fertility, and the salubrity of its atmosphere. Most happily for a tropical region, the mountains or hills approach to within a short distance of the sea-shore, but have not the lofty and rugged character of those of South America. They abound with limpid streams, furnishing every facility for manufacturing, and are covered with fertile forests. It is not improbable that this may be the character of the country for many hundred miles back of the republic of Liberia; and if such should be found to be the case, it will form one of the most magnificent abodes of man on earth. Even the portion already known is of sufficient extent to form an empire as large as France; and there is no reason why it may not, in two or three centuries, become as enlightened and populous, as it will unquestionably be better governed."

THE LATE REV. LEVI R. REESE.—The *Alexandria Gazette* of yesterday says that a very eloquent and affecting funeral discourse on the death of the late Rev. Levi R. Reese was preached in the Methodist Protestant church, (by invitation of the congregation,) by the Rev. L. W. Bates, of Baltimore, on Sunday last. A large and attentive audience listened with solemnity to the discourse, and united with the preacher in his tribute to the memory of the deceased.

RECEPTION OF KOSSUTH.—The Secretary of the Navy has furnished Alderman Franklin, chairman of the committee of arrangements, with an order directed to Captain Long, of the steam frigate Mississippi, requiring him to remain two days at quarantine on his arrival here, so as to afford ample time for the arrangement of the proposed ceremonies of reception. The general committee of Democratic Whig Young Men have adopted a resolution to take part in the procession.—*N. Y. Com. Adv.*

Gracious powers! was ever such an absurdity heard of before? Keep Kossuth two days in quarantine, after a long exile from friends and country, and a tedious sea-voyage, and all because the fire-crackers and sky-rockets are not prepared! We trust the citizens of New York will not allow it, but that every steamboat, longboat, and barge in the harbor will head straightway for the steamer, and bear the patriot, the hero, and republican in triumph to the battery! Two days in quarantine! No, not two hours!

ROBBERY BY THE USE OF CHLOROFORM.—The *New York Star* states that "On Sunday morning, between the hours of 2 and 3 o'clock, while three men by the names of Richard Leavitt, Josiah Paul, and Bland French were asleep on board the brig Ellis, lying at pier No. 10, East River, some daring rogues or rogues forcibly entered the cabin of said vessel. The above individuals were observed lying in their berths asleep, whereupon the villains applied a vial of chloroform to the nostrils of each person for a sufficient length of time to allow them to inhale the requisite quantity of said drug, which had the desired effect; and when the victims of these ingenious robbers awoke, they discovered that the cabin had been ransacked and plundered of a valuable gold watch and chain, all their wearing apparel, and wallets containing about \$30 in bank bills, with which the rascals made their escape, and have not since been heard of."

PENNSYLVANIA ELECTIONS. Three months ago we entertained some misgivings as to the result; but hardly a day has elapsed since that time in which our confidence has not been increased.—*North American of yesterday.*

Yesterday proved a serious exception. A *Puff*—A *New York* paper says, "A man may be known by the company he keeps; and when you see a person coming out of the elegant store 128 Fulton street, you instantly set him down for a gentleman." It said you can safely decide in this way on seeing a man going into Stevens' hat store, in this city.

WELCOMES TO KOSSUTH.—It is estimated that by the time Kossuth lands, some twenty-five thousand poetical welcomes will have been printed and published. It is fortunate that he does not understand English.

GEN. JOSEPH LANE, delegate from Oregon to Congress, has been invited by the Democracy of Cincinnati to partake of a public dinner. He is now in that city.

BUMS.—The *New York Star* notices Fowler's Lectures on Phenology, and says he can give more science and fun for a shilling than any other man it knows of. His examinations of heads alone are richly worth the money!

THE HAVANA CONSULATE.—This is said to be one of the most profitable foreign appointments in the gift of the Government. It is estimated to be worth from \$15,000 to \$20,000 a year. Consul Trist is said to have made even more than \$20,000 per annum out of it.

ITALIAN OPERA.—Max Maretzek and his troupe arrived in Baltimore last night, and will give their first performance to-night.

MR. WEBSTER FOR THE PRESIDENCY.—The Boston papers say that measures are about to be immediately taken for the assembling of a convention at Faneuil Hall, for the nomination of Mr. Webster.

KOSSUTH will probably arrive at New York during the present week, and everybody should subscribe to the *American Telegraph*.

THE BANK OF THE OLD DOMINION, at Alexandria, has commenced its issues. The President and Directors are said to be capable, business, prudent men, and the cashier and other officers accommodating and efficient.

CHARLESTON NAVY-YARD.—The Boston papers say that business at this yard is brisk. The U. S. frigate Cumberland is undergoing repairs; the sloop-of-war Portsmouth is being fitted, with despatch, for the Pacific; the officers will probably be ordered this week. A new steamer is to be built on the keel of the old Princeton, to use the same machinery, and to have the same name.

BY THE MORNING'S MAILS.

Pennsylvania Election Returns.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 14—12 m.—The returns of the election in this State for Governor, legislature, judges, &c., which took place to-day, has been quite a spirited contest, but the result of the whole ticket, even in this city, will not be known for twenty-four hours yet. We, however, have partial returns of the vote for Governor in various parts of the State, which I annex:

Allegheny County.—In fifteen districts, from which returns have been received, Bigler, the Democratic candidate for Governor, gains 337 on the majority that Johnston, the Whig candidate, had in these districts in 1848.

Schuylkill County.—Returns from nine districts show a loss for Johnston of 646 votes.

Northampton County.—Bigler's majority in the borough and township of Easton is 290.

Columbia County.—Johnston's majority in the borough of Danville is 57.

Luzerne County.—Johnston's majority in the borough of Wilkesbarre is 31. Bigler's majority in the township is 66; Democratic gain in the borough and township 230.

Lehigh County.—The borough of Allentown gives Johnston a majority.

Philadelphia County.—Partial returns from Philadelphia county give Bigler a majority of 738.

Philadelphia City.—In Southwark the majority for Johnston is 329. Port Richmond gives Bigler 452, Johnston 256; gain for Johnston, as compared with the vote in 1848, is 105. Northern Liberties gives a majority of 1100 for Bigler. Passyunk gives 70 majority for Johnston.

[Second Despatch.] Schuylkill County—Bigler's majority in the county is about 330. It gave Johnston in 1848 a majority of 726, showing a loss of 1,056. It is supposed that Looser is elected Judge, and Garrett Prothonotary—both Whigs.

Luzerne County.—Bigler's gain in seven towns, over the Democratic majority in 1848, is 283. Carbonate city and township give Bigler 269 majority. Pocono township gives Bigler 52 majority. Wayne County—Honesdale gives Bigler 68 majority. Texas gives a majority for Bigler of 141. Glover, Canal Commissioner, 148.

Susquehanna County.—Montrose township, Johnston 41 majority; Strohm, Canal Commissioner, 51; and Jessop, for the Supreme Court, 63. Silverlake township gives Bigler 13 majority. Bridgeport gives Bigler 94 majority.

Lycoming County.—In three towns, Bigler's majority is 189.

Lehigh County.—Complete returns from this county give Bigler a majority of 370. The Democratic majority in 1848 was 446—showing a Democratic loss of 76. The whole Democratic ticket is elected in this county.

Philadelphia City.—Spring Garden district gives 640 majority for Johnston.

In the western counties of the State, Campbell, who is on the Democratic ticket for Judge of the Supreme Court, falls behind, and Coulter, on the Whig ticket, runs ahead.

A Black Swan!

BUFFALO, Oct. 14.—A colored woman named Eliza Green, from Richmond, Va., is creating quite a sensation in musical circles here, and is to give a concert shortly. She is said to have quite a powerful and wonderful voice, and is called "The Black Swan."

Jenny Lind.

Jenny Lind and suite arrived here to-day, and were received with great enthusiasm. The tickets for her first concert to-morrow night are going off rapidly and at high prices.

Law in Syracuse!

SYRACUSE, October 14.—In obedience to orders issued by the Federal Government, warrants have been gotten out against some of the most prominent citizens of this place, for alleged participation in the recent rescue of a fugitive slave.

A Man Shot!

PHILADELPHIA, October 14.—A thief who was detected on the Truck farm, last night, was shot in the neck and instantly killed. The man who shot him immediately surrendered himself. The election excitement to-day has put a check upon business.

Coasting Steamers.

NEW YORK, October 14, 12 m.—The steamer Alabama arrived here this morning from Savannah, and the steamer Marion, from Charleston. They bring one hundred and six thousand dollars in specie.

Affairs in Mexico.—The Revolution.

NEW ORLEANS, October 13.—The steamship Yacht, which has just arrived from the Brazos, which she left on the 9th instant, brings later intelligence from Northern Mexico.

The operations of the liberating army were still successful. They had taken the town of Reynosa. They captured one gun and a quantity of other arms.

Gen. Canales, the Governor of Tamaulipas, at the last accounts, was approaching Matamoros, and Gen. Ayala was going out to meet him. Whether they would meet as friends or foes was unknown, but it was supposed that Canales will assume the command of the revolutionists. These movements have given great satisfaction to their American partisans, especially the Texan Rangers.

By an arrival at this port we have dates from Vera Cruz to the 4th instant.

Governor Letcher arrived at Vera Cruz on the 1st instant, and proceeded immediately to the Capital.

Accounts from the city of Mexico to the 7th, represent the government to be in much confusion. Many ineffectual attempts have been made to appoint a new Cabinet. The treasury is at its lowest ebb, and the government resources nearly annihilated.

Accounts of the revolution in Northern Mexico had not reached the Capital.

The Pennsylvania and Ohio Railroad will be completed in about a month, forty-eight miles west of Pittsburgh. The cars now run thirty-five miles.

Somebody threatens to start a new paper in New York on Saturday next, under the title of *The Panorama*. They do nothing in New York now but start new papers, which die almost as soon as their career commences.

The amount of gold taken from the mines of Gold Hill, in Kewan County, N. C., since their discovery in 1843, is stated at \$801,665 84. There are \$100,000 invested in machinery.

In Mississippi a man always makes his will before accepting a nomination to run for Congress, and trusts to a pair of revolvers, bowie-knife, and leather lungs, to whip his opponent in the race.

"GOING BACK AGAIN."—The packet-ship Ashburton, which sailed from New York for Liverpool on Saturday, took out nearly two hundred steerage passengers. These were recent immigrants to this country, and being disappointed in their expectations, they have taken the "back track."

The family of Senator Bell, of Tennessee, reached this place on Wednesday evening, en route for Washington city.

[*Mayville Post Boy, Friday.*]

A National Daguerrean Convention is to be held in New York city on the second Tuesday of next month.

THREE DAYS LATER FROM EUROPE.

Arrival of the Atlantic.

ACCIDENT AND DETENTION.

THE MARKETS.

TIDINGS OF KOSSUTH!

[Despatched to the American Telegraph.]

NEW YORK, October 15—10 a. m.

The steamer Atlantic from Liverpool arrived this morning with dates to the 1st. She was detained forty-nine hours by an accident to her machinery. She experienced heavy gales on her passage. She brings one hundred passengers.

The America had arrived out.

The prices of cotton remain as at the sailing of the Asia. The sales of the last three days amounted to 19,000 bales; of which speculators and exporters took 5,000.

Flour is firm. Corn is scarce and quiet. Wheat steady. Only good qualities of sugar are saleable. Coffee is unchanged. Consols have advanced from 96½ to 96.

The Manchester market is less active.

The Mississippi, with Kossuth and his companions, arrived at Marseilles on the 20th.

Rice and tobacco remain unchanged.

The political news is unimportant.

PENNSYLVANIA ELECTIONS.

Bigler's Majority 16,000!

Democratic Governor probably elected in Ohio!

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 15—10 a. m.

Bigler, Democrat, is elected Governor of Pennsylvania by about sixteen thousand majority. A Democratic Governor is believed to be elected in Ohio also.

[Second Despatch.]

2½ p. m.—Bigler's majority will be very large. Coulter, (Whig), for Judge, runs ahead of his ticket, and Campbell (Dem.) falls behind his party.

BALTIMORE, October 15—2 p. m.

No sales of flour. Quotations unchanged.

NEW ORLEANS, October 13.

News from the Rio Bravo, of October 8, states that Caravajal had received large reinforcements, and would probably march on Matamoros, which was being fortified by Ayala.

Intercepted letters from the Mexican commanders contain orders to treat the insurgents after the manner the Spaniards served Lopez.

The Americans were abandoning the enterprise because Canales has assumed command.

The Cholera is creating dreadful ravages at Guadaluajara.

THE VIRGINIA ELECTION.—"Bets are offered largely on the election of Sumners, the Whig candidate for Governor of Virginia. Secretary Stuart says, 'his election is more than certain.'"

The above is from the *New York Herald*. In reference to it we are requested to say, that if there is any one from New York in this city who wishes to bet on the election of Mr. Sumners, he would do well to call at Willard's Hotel, No. 71, during the day. If the time be too short, he can be accommodated to the amount of \$1000 by addressing box No. 741, Richmond, Virginia. We know for whom to speak, and we speak with the utmost confidence.

[*Union of this morning.*]

A QUEER TASTE.—There is a goat in New York that will drink beer and chew tobacco with the oldest habitue of the Pewter Mug.

Sailing of Ocean Steamers.

FROM UNITED STATES.

Ships. Leaves For Date.

Pioneer - New York - Liverpool - Oct. 15

Canada - Boston - Liverpool - Oct. 16

Humboldt - New York - Havre - Oct. 18

Asia - New York - Liverpool - Oct. 22

Atlantic - New York - Liverpool - Oct. 22

Beacon - Boston - Liverpool - Oct. 22

Hermann - New York - Bremen - Nov. 1

Niagara - New York - Liverpool - Nov. 5

Pacific - New York - Liverpool - Nov. 12

Europa - Boston - Liverpool - Nov. 12

Franklin - Havre - New York - Oct. 22

Review of the Northern Markets for yesterday.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 14, 6 p. m.—A small sale of Howard street flour was made to-day at \$3.87½.

No sales of City Mills flour.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 14, 6 p. m.—Flour is at \$4.00 per \$42½ for State brands. Rye flour \$3.25. Corn meal \$3.12½. Small sales of red wheat at 76¢, and white at 82¢.

Yellow corn 63¢-65¢. Rye and oats are unchanged.

NEW YORK, Oct. 14, 6 p. m.—The cotton market has been dull, and a decline of a half cent per pound has taken place. Flour—Sales of common Western brands at \$3.05½-\$3.15; Southern and Canal brands \$3.40-\$3.45. Sales of 400 barrels prime mess corn at \$15.25. Sales of 600 hhd. Kentucky tobacco at 3 to 10½¢.

The sales of wheat amounted to 3500 bushels, at 71¢-72¢. Freight to Liverpool—Flour 7½¢-8¢. Stocks—Cotton has declined ½¢ and heading ¼¢.

MARRIED.

On Monday morning, the 13th instant, by the Rev. J. McCreary, Mr. J. E. COX to Miss HENRIETTA BANOS, all of Georgetown.

DIED.

At Philadelphia, on the 13th instant, EDWARD SARTAIN, youngest child of JOHN and SARAHAN LOOMATE SARTAIN, in the 3d year of his age.

The Union Literary Society will meet at the Mutual College, corner of E. 12th St., this (Wednesday) evening, at 7½ o'clock. An Essay will be read by one of the members. An interesting question will be debated. The public are invited to attend.

C. S. KEECH, Sec.

PIANO FOR SALE.

A good-toned PIANO for sale cheap. Address box 193, or this office.

MECHANICS' PRICE-BOOK.

For sale by TAYLOR & MARY, Stationers, Printers, and Bookbinders, 9th St.

PAPERS MISLAIN.

PAPERS in the case of Thomas Crown, Government contractor for brick, &c. The finder will be liberally rewarded by restoring them to the office of the National Hotel, or to me.

BEVERLY TUCKER.

FALL MILLINERY.

Will be opened on THURSDAY MORNING at 10 o'clock.

Mrs. M. A. HILL'S, Pennsylvania avenue, opposite W. Harper & Co.'s Dry Goods Store.

PANORAMA OF THE ANTEILUVIAN WORLD.

PRICE REDUCED.

THE MANAGER of the Panorama of the Antediluvian World would respectfully inform the citizens of Washington that he has recovered from his late severe indisposition, and will exhibit his Panorama for three nights—Thursday, Friday and Saturday—October 16, 17, and 18. Admission reduced to 25 cents; Children half price.

NOTICE.

IF MRS. MILDRED SWAN, maiden name Mildred Booker, will call at Mr. Wren's, Pennsylvania avenue, third door from 14th street, north side, at 6 o'clock this evening, or 10 o'clock on to-morrow, she will meet with her brother, who is very anxious to see her.

For sale at.

ELIOT'S Drug Store, corner of F & 12th streets.

Mr. E. W. CARR, newspaper agent, is the only authorized agent for this paper in Philadelphia, and is duly empowered to take advertisements and subscriptions at the rates required by us. His receipts will be regarded as payment. Office at the northwest corner of Third and Walnut streets.

The privileges of yearly advertisers will be confined rigidly to their regular business, and all other advertisements, not pertaining to their regular business as agreed for, to be paid extra.

Every notice designed to call attention to private enterprises calculated or intended to promote individual interest, can only be inserted with the understanding that the same is to be paid for.

AMUSEMENTS.

FOREST HALL.

Young Men's Dramatic Association.

REOPENED FOR THE SEASON.

THE Young Men's Dramatic Association beg leave to inform their friends and patrons, that after having thoroughly renovated and redecorated the above Hall with new scenery, new drop-curtain, &c., they will open for the season, commencing on THURSDAY evening next, for which occasion the Washington Light Infantry Band, under the leadership of Professor Manietti, have kindly volunteered their services. The performance will commence with Kotzebue's beautiful Tragedy of the STRANGER.

Music by the Band.

To conclude with the laughable Farce of the SECRET, OR, HOLE IN THE WALL.

Doors open at 7 o'clock; curtain rises at 8 o'clock. Admission 25 cents. [Oct 13—3MW&TH.

ODD-FELLOWS' HALL.

NEW ORLEANS OPERA AND BALLET TROUPE!

S. S. SANFORD'S celebrated Troupe take pleasure in announcing that they will commence a series of their unique Entertainments in this city on

MONDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 16th, at 8 o'clock.

On which occasion a programme containing a variety of new and popular melodies, instrumental accompaniments, &c., etc., will be presented.

For particulars see future advertisements and bills. Oct 6—f

MAYOR'S OFFICE.

REWARD OF \$200.

THE ABOVE SUM will be paid for the conviction of any person or persons guilty of one of the following crimes:—

1. The commission of any crime which has been committed in this city within the last few weeks.

2. The commission of any crime which has been committed in this city within the last few weeks.

3. The commission of any crime which has been committed in this city within the last few weeks.